

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Lake Texoma Listening Session, 05 March 2007

1. Colonel Kurka hosted his second listening session at Lake Texoma on 05 March 2007. Purpose of the listening session was to gain a better understanding of the interests of all the stakeholders that affect and are affected by the Lake Texoma area and to give an update on the actions from the 11 April 2006 listening session. The listening session was attended by approximately 100 individuals representing Federal Office (U.S. Fish and Wildlife), State Offices (Oklahoma Water Resource Board) marina owners, and special interest organizations (sign-in sheets and a list of RSVPs are on file).

2. Presentations, Questions and action items are listed below:

Question on Reallocation Study. Concern was stated on impact of pool level.

**COE Response:** Reallocation does not raise or lower conservation pool level – changes the purposes of 30,000 acre feet of storage from hydropower to water supply.

McLaughlin Creek Area Maintenance (Mr. Paul Owens). Mr. Owens discussed the success that his organization has had on keeping a Public Use Area open that would have been forced to close due to budget. Mr. Owens offered to speak to other individuals that were interested in doing the same thing.

**COE Response:** The Corps of Engineers encourage other organizations to contact our lake office (Mr. Ron Jordan).

Chloride Control Project Update.

- Wichita River Basin.

- Continuing design of remaining collection facilities and environmental monitor IAW Environmental Operating Plan of Environmental Impact Study (EIS)

- No funding to proceed to construction.

- Area VI in Oklahoma

- Continuing reevaluation study which will include comprehensive EIS for cumulative impacts.

Lake Texoma Association (Mr. Ed Phillips). Mr. Phillips spoke on economics in the Lake Texoma area, Lake Texoma Water Issues (water use, lake levels, chloride control), Cumulative Water Removal, and Lake Texoma Planning and Change Management.

Citizens for Lake Texoma – (Mr. Ed Phillips). Mr. Phillips spoke on shoreline management, shoreline boat houses and mooring buoys, shoreline developments. and proposed legislation (WRDA).

Shoreline Management – Concern on private docks taking up all coves.

**COE Response:**

- Status. Partial moratorium
- New docks only in coves with existing docks.
- No new docks in coves with no existing docks.

Shoreline Developments.

**COE Response:**

- No plans for land sales or new leased lands for development unless legislated.
- Even then, a comprehensive EIS will be required.

Double Diamond Inc. – (Mr. Mike Williams). Mr. Williams expressed concern on illegal dumping and vandalism, and suggested greater Corps presence and patrols.

**COE Response:**

- Budget trends have led to fewer government employees rather than more.
- We do have law enforcement contracts.

Mr. Owens also indicated that they pay \$75.00 for trash removal.

Pointe Vista – (Mr. Scott Fisher). Mr. Fisher gave an overview of his development.

HOTMIX Asphalt Plant (Mr. Fred White). Mr. White had concerns regarding the construction of the HOTMIX Asphalt Plan in Grayson County.

**COE Response:**

- Any Discharges will require a permit from the State (TCEQ). Although the Corps will be a concerned party, regulatory responsibility for air and water quality compliance is the State.

Texas Parks and Wildlife (Mr. Bruce Hysmith). Mr. Hysmith had concerns on water reallocation, shoreline development and Red River Chloride Control project.

Submersible pumps (Mr. Joe Wenthold). Mr. Wenthold received a letter from COE indicating that he would have to remove his pump from the lake. Mr. Wenthold indicated that his pump is UL rated. He also stated that it says on the pump that is is UL approved and protects against electric shock. He is also installing ground fault breakers.

**COE Response:**

Colonel Kurka indicated that he would reply back to Mr. Wenthold. Since others in the audience indicated that they also wanted to know the District's position, Colonel Kurka committed to putting the response on the District website.